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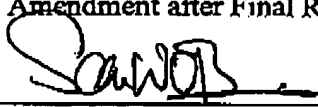
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RE: US Patent Application 10/684,171
TRACTION ENHANCED CONTROLLED PRESSURE FLEXIBLE
FLAT TENSION MEMBER TERMINATION DEVICE (Ericson et al.)
Our File: OT-4416A

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In re application of : Docket No.: OT-4416A
Richard J. Ericson, et al. : Date: April 28, 2006
Appln. No.: 10/684,171 : Examiner: Langdon, Evan H.
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Title: TRACTION ENHANCED CONTROLLED PRESSURE FLEXIBLE FLAT TENSION
MEMBER TERMINATION DEVICE

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 28, 2006, Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendments to the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.